

1943 Profile of the Harlem, Manhattan area

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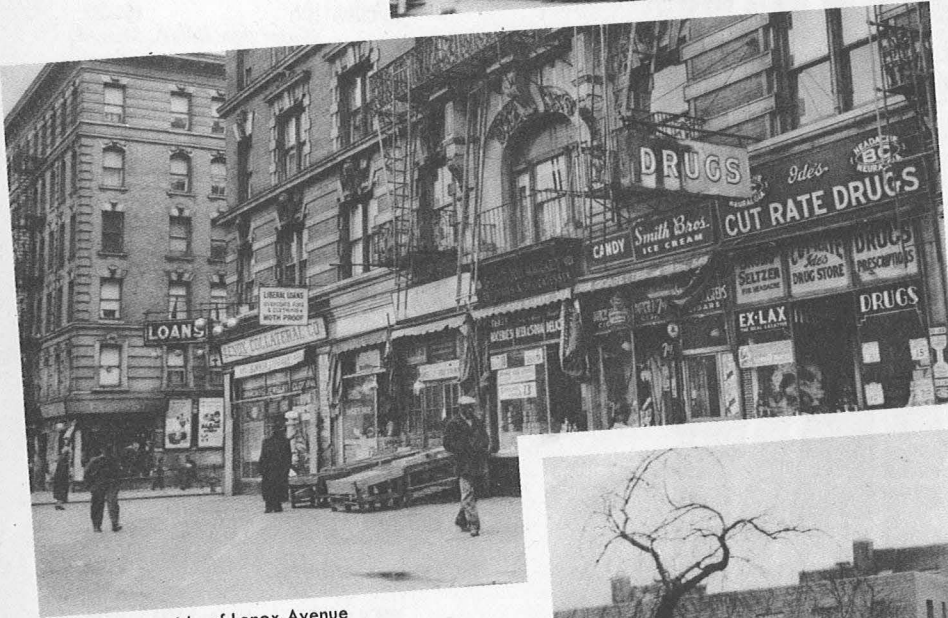
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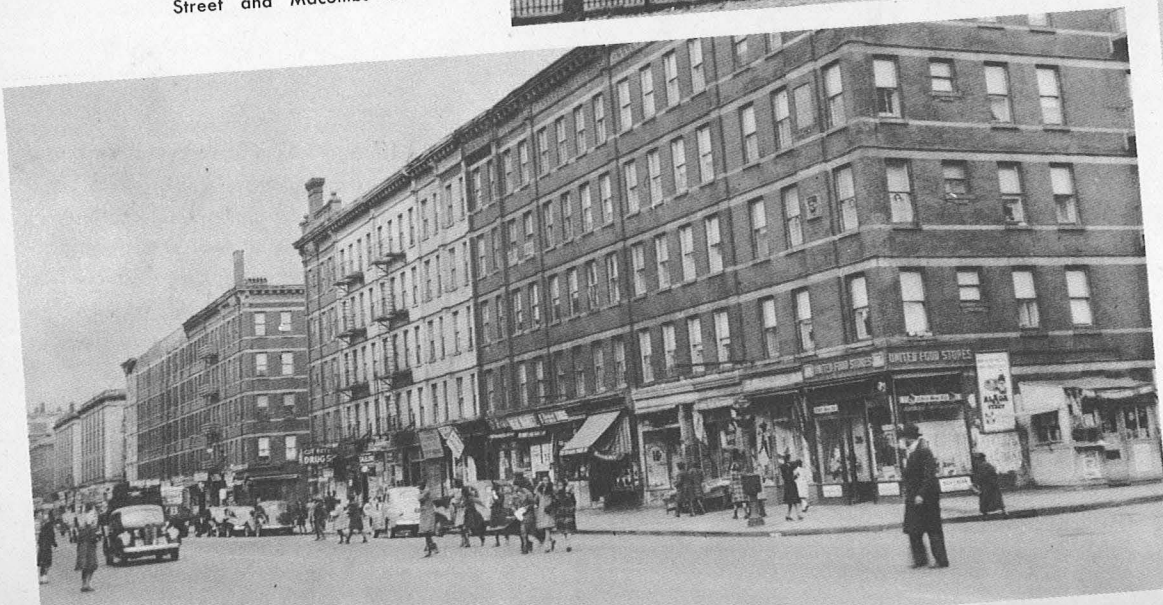
Above: Madison Avenue from 127th Street to 128th Street



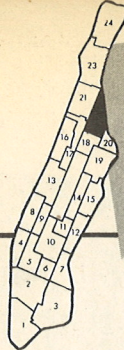
Above: East side of Lenox Avenue at 138th Street



Right: Harlem River Housing Development from 152nd Street and Macombs Place



Left: Looking north on Eighth Avenue from 136th Street



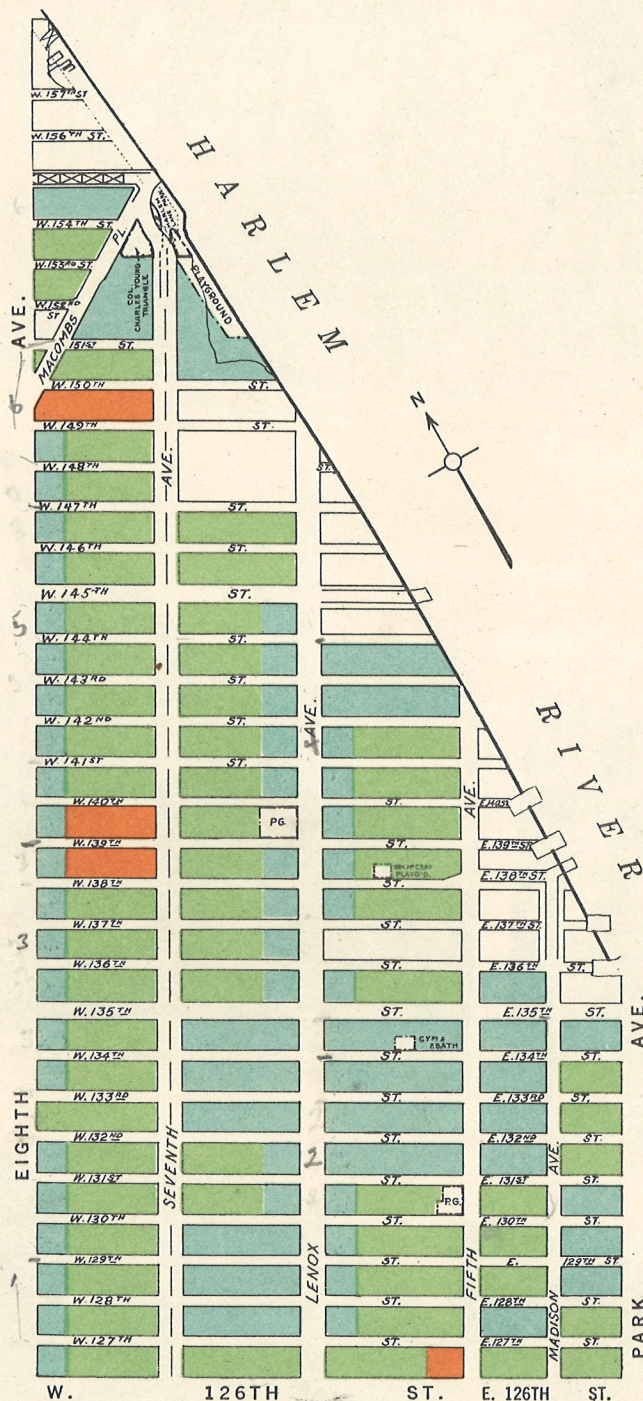
NEW YORK CITY MARKET ANALYSIS

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POPULATION 118,248
(larger than Wichita, Kans.)

Native white 1,074
Foreign-born white 1,103
Negro 115,993
Other races 78

Negroes are the predominant race in this district. A few Finns are located in the southeast corner.

FAMILIES 29,787
—owner families 635
—tenant families 29,152

FAMILIES BY MONTHLY RENT & ANNUAL EXPENDITURE GROUPS

Rental	Expenditure	
\$150 & up	\$10,000 & up	79
100-149	6,000-9,999	507
75- 99	4,500-5,999	630
50- 74	3,000-4,499	3,276
30- 49	1,800-2,999	16,983
40- 49	2,400-2,999	5,789
30- 39	1,800-2,399	11,194
Under 30	Under 1,800	8,126
Unknown		186

Median family expenditure \$2,158
Average family expenditure \$2,395

RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES 3,492
—one-family houses 1,174
—two-family houses 77
—three-or-more-family houses 2,241

The heart of Harlem, New York's city of Negroes! This densely populated area is almost entirely colored except for a very small group near the lower eastern boundary. The average income is low and the greater part of the populace is crowded into badly neglected old houses and tenements. A trend toward improvement is evidenced by the appearance of some better type apartment buildings, and a modern housing development. Food stores and a varied assortment of retail outlets, together with theatres and restaurants, are located along Lenox, Seventh, and Eighth Avenues. Near the Harlem River are a number of small manufacturing plants, warehouses, and docks. Several bridges form important links with the Bronx.